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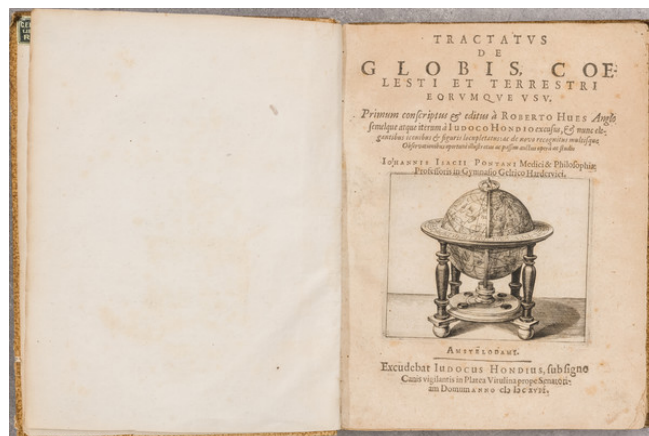
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Stock#: 71191
Map Maker: Hondius II
Date: 1617
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size:
Price: SOLD



Description:

Enlarged edition (the first having been issued in 1594) of English mathematician and geographer Robert Hues (1553-1632) work on globes. This edition published in Amsterdam by Jodocus Hondius II in 1617, just as Hondius was becoming interested in publishing his own globes, after inheriting the business from his father.

Hues was a fascinating character; having studied navigation at a school set up by Walter Raleigh, he went on to accompany Thomas Cavendish on his circumnavigation of the globe. During the circumnavigation, Hues made important astronomical observations in the Southern Hemisphere. The observations made on that voyage led Hues to publish his *Tractatus de globis et eorum usu* (*Treatise on Globes and Their Use*) which was written to explain the use of the terrestrial and celestial globes that had been made and published by Emery Molyneux in late 1592 or early 1593, and to encourage English sailors to use practical astronomical navigation. Hues's work subsequently went into at least 12 other printings in Dutch, English, French, and Latin.

Interestingly, at the time this edition was published, Hues was probably in the Tower of London attending to one of several aristocrats whom he worked for during their imprisonment.

The book includes several woodcut illustrations of globes and armillary spheres, and a scarce woodcut map of the Americas on page 76. There is a nice volvelle with two moving elements on page 83.

Some sources record a 1617 printing attributed to Henricus Hondius, though in light of the present edition, that might represent a cataloging mistake.

Hues had a rich life - during an extremely important time in the history of cartography - and though he is



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often overlooked by map devotees, time spent with his biography is well worth it.

Provenance

Bookseller's label on front pastedown: "C.E. Rappaport Libri Rari Roma"

Detailed Condition:

8vo. 19th-century full mottled paper; gilt-paper spine label (spine and label chipping a little). [24], 130, [1] pages, (A-T4, V2, i.e. complete).